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SUBJECT: TDY ASSISTANCE FOR OAU CONFERENCE

1. OAU SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN MAURITIUS APPROXIMATELY JUNE 24 TO JULY 5. CONFERENCE MAY BE UNUSUALLY IMPORTANT WITH ANGOLA IN THE BACKGROUND AND EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW EVENTS AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE IN LINE WITH NEW POLICY ON MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE TDY ASSISTANCE FOR LIAISON AND REPORTING. RECOMMEND TDY OFFICER ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE OF CONFERENCE TO LEARN LAY-OF-LAND HERE OR FOR TDY PERIOD OF JUNE 16 TO JULY 9 TO COMPLETE WRAP-UP.

2. WILL VOA BE SENDING A CORRESPONDENT TO COVER CONFERENCE REQUIRING DISPATCH THROUGH EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS? VOA REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTED INCREASE IN STATE TRAFFIC DURING PERIOD OF CONFERENCE WILL PLACE HEAVY BURDEN ON SINGLE COMMUNICATOR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE C&R TDY ASSISTANCE AT LEAST FOR ACTUAL DAYS OF CONFERENCE.

3. WE ASSUME SUCH TDY FUNDING WOULD BE PROVIDED BY DEPT.

4. BRUCE ROGERS, RESPONSIBLE FOR OAU REPORTING IN ADDIS, WOULD BE VERY USEFUL FOR HIS CONTACTS AND EXPERTISE ON OAU. IF ALL CONCERNED APPROVE, WE SUGGEST ROGERS BE DETAILED TO MAURITIUS TO ASSIST DURING CONFERENCE.

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